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Former Feuchtwanger Bank head held as 'brains' 3 more remanded for January's IL200m. bank-vault looting

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Police yesterday brought in for remand three more suspects in last January's spectacular looting of 200 safety-deposit boxes at Ramat Gan's Barclays-Discount Bank.

The police said the arrests brought to six those held since the alleged brains behind the estimated IL200m. robbery — former Feuchtwanger Bank board chairman Yosef Epstein — made the mistake of cashing in some of the stolen bonds. They say Epstein, 48, had planned the job with his wife Nili and son Aviel during the time he was serving a four-year prison term for fraud he committed while running the now-defunct Feuchtwanger Bank into the ground.

(Epstein and his 35-year-old wife were arrested on Friday, after a search of their house which turned up jewelry and cash worth more than IL3m., and remanded for 15 and 10 days respectively. Aviel, 23, Epstein's son by a previous marriage, was remanded at Ichilov Hospital here, where he is under treatment for diabetes. All three denied the any connection to the robbery.)

The suspects brought in yesterday were the 31-year-old twins Alexander and Yehoshua Weingarten, and Yitzhak Fein of Tel Aviv. Police investigator Shmuel Korman told Magistrate Yitzhak Reviv that the twins were suspected of cracking the safe. They said Fein had been found with the twins and was connected with the case. The Weingartens were remanded for 15 days and Fein for seven.

Months of patient police investigation lay behind the arrest of the six. The January weekend robbery, in which thieves broke in through the bank's air-conditioning vent and then blasted the strong-room wall, had left police without a clue — not even a fingerprint.

The thieves, who had succeeded in bypassing the bank's alarm system, had been careful to pick out only cash and unregistered bonds or easily disposable jewelry.

At the time, special detective-squad head Yitzhak Hagag had said he would wait until one of the "experts" made a mistake.

Last week, eight months later, police say Epstein cashed in two bonds worth IL200,000. By law, any transaction exceeding IL15,000 is reported; thus, a routine check by the Bank of Israel revealed that the bonds (whose serial numbers had been recorded by their owners) came from the looted Ramat Gan bank.

The police say they quickly traced the bonds to another Ramat Gan bank and to Yosef Epstein's account there. They then found that three more allegedly stolen bonds had been cashed by Epstein, as part of a IL500,000 bond transaction.

A prompt search of Epstein's home on Friday night revealed the IL3m. in valuables, police said, including diamonds, gold coins, and foreign currency. It also turned up documents allegedly implicating others in the crime.

The next day, police arrested the Weingarten twins and Fein. They told the Magistrate's Court yesterday that a search of a flat belonging to the Weingartens' sister (who is now in Italy) turned up two walkie-talkies that may have been used to communicate with a car outside the bank during the robbery. They also said they had found a metal-melting instrument which could have been used to melt down gold objects taken from the boxes.

Documents found in the house, police claimed, showed that Epstein had been very friendly with one of the twins during his four-year prison sentence.

Police admitted that nothing had been found in the twins' or in Fein's own homes. The attorney for the Weingartens and for Fein told the court that there was no real evidence against their clients.

Asked yesterday whether the case was now wound up, police sources told *The Jerusalem Post*, "this is only the beginning." More arrests were expected and only a fraction of the stolen goods had been recovered, they said.

In the meantime the late Ramat Gan clients, who claim the bank is responsible for their losses (even though some did not declare the contents of the boxes, or insure them) have clubbed together and will bring the matter to declarative judgment on September 21.

The bank's deputy head, Gideon Lahav, said the bank was not responsible for a customer's undeclared goods.

One of the clients, who preferred to remain anonymous, told *The Post* that her box had contained a collection of family jewelry which they had brought with them from Iraq.

"We are simple people," she said, "and we don't read newspapers. But what's the point in putting our even put a guard outside?"

Another client said he had paid IL100 for renting the safe. "I might just as well have hidden the money in a kitchen drawer," was his comment.

A representative of the depositors' committee, Uri Bahor, told *The Post* that a large percentage of the group was new immigrants or temporary residents.

"They have the right to hold to foreign currency," he said. "This talk in the press of large sums of black money being involved is just a red herring."

Police suspect that a large proportion of the stolen money has already been smuggled abroad.



U.S. Labour Secretary William J. Usery, right, at his meeting with Labour Minister Moshe Baran yesterday. The Labour Secretary also met yesterday with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, who briefed him on the Middle East situation and discussed some of Israel's internal problems, and with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. Today Usery is scheduled to visit Christian holy sites, and tomorrow he is expected to hold further talks with Labour Ministry officials. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Escaped in prison in A caught in A

ASHDOD. — Conv robber Sami Elkayam from jail three weeks ago, allegedly helping to murder a prisoner, was recaptured yesterday at the Ashdod Port.

Police believe he boarded a ship about to holding one man as a accomplice.

Elkayam had been year sentence at Sha was moved to the lockup after the murder of Yefet Nagar during a riot in June. On August his way through the Beit She'an cell and.

Early yesterday stopped a taxi at the Ashdod Port. One of men in the back had identification as a prisoner, the other lacked some to prove his status as a fisherman going to.

Local police were identified the "fisherman." They took him and the other passenger with him, but driver after brief conversation in the Elkayam is thought of an under court.

THE WEATHER

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem 19	16-25	26
Golan 33	17-29	29
Nahariya 67	20-30	31
Safed 32	16-25	26
Haifa Port 63	16-25	26
Tiberias 33	21-36	36
Nazareth 40	20-30	31
Afula 30	19-27	27
Shomron 30	18-27	27
Tel Aviv 73	22-32	32
B.G. Airport 52	18-31	31
Jericho 42	21-36	36
Gaza 29	19-29	29
Beerzabba 35	16-33	33
Eilat 24	22-36	36
Tiran Straits 32	29-33	33

Social and Personal

Supreme Court Justice Eliyahu Mennon, Chairman of the Elections Committee for the Ninth Knesset, held a luncheon yesterday to mark Yohanan Bader's 75th birthday and his 25 years of service to the Knesset Elections Committee.

Mel Lastman, Mayor of North York, Toronto, and Mrs. Lastman called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek Sunday.

ARRIVALS

Emmanuel Hizer, from a seminar on the rehabilitation of retarded children held in the U.S.

Cheslerfield Smith, of Lakeland, Florida, at the head of a 17-man Israeli Bond Northern Florida Commerce and Industry delegation.

DEPARTURES

Ruth Dayan, manager of Maskit, to Johannesburg, to attend an "Israeli Week" exhibition held there by a large retail chain (by El Al).

Four die on roads

An 88-year-old woman was killed in an accident in Netanya yesterday and three youths lost their lives in separate accidents in the West Bank on Sunday.

The accident in Netanya was on Rehov Binyamin, where several accidents have recently been caused by speeding drivers. Hanna Haimovitz was hit by a pickup truck there yesterday and died before arrival at hospital.

The three West Bank deaths were in the Hebron and Ramallah areas. Haled Yunis was hit by a truck in his native village of Hailul, near Hebron. The other two fatalities, in the Ramallah area, were two children, Isa Sa'id, 11, and Majed Majid, nine. (Itm)

Egged to stop free urban rides for soldiers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Egged will no longer provide free transport to soldiers on urban routes, but will continue to do so on interurban ones as until now, the Transport Ministry's Controller of Road Transport announced this week.

Egged had asked the Defence Ministry and the Transport Ministry to permit free transport of soldiers (in compulsory service and in the regular army) on urban routes as well. The cooperative claimed that if this were not done, soldiers would use the buses travelling on the interurban routes for short rides.

In order to avoid having large numbers of soldiers travel short distances on long-distance buses, Egged had allowed soldiers free transport on urban routes, of its own accord. But it later turned to the Government with the request that this be paid for on the same basis as the free transport provided on interurban lines. When the Defence Ministry turned it down, Egged decided to cease the free urban transport, starting today.

"However," said Ya'acov Malka, Controller of Road Transport, "this decision will neither affect the free transport on interurban lines, nor will it cause any disruptions in those lines."

THE BIBLICAL ZOO in Jerusalem is looking for carpenters to prepare a replica of Noah's Ark in its original Biblical dimensions.

'AVIATION WEEK': Israel-U.S. hydrofoil is Navy's next target

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Israel has expressed interest in collaborating with a U.S. boat builder on design and development of a 100-ton missile-armed hydrofoil, which is considered the next top priority for the Israeli Navy, "Aviation Week and Space Technology" reports in its latest issue.

The magazine says Israeli naval planners fear that expanded arms export drives by the U.S. and Europe in the Middle East will vastly increase sea power within the Arab world and challenge Israeli control of the sea lanes.

In a lengthy article on the naval aspect of the Israel-Arab conflict, "Aviation Week" says that the proposed U.S.-Israel hydrofoils would be attached to the existing Israeli naval fleet, which includes the 440-ton Reshef missile boat, the "backbone" of the combat fleet (Israel currently has six such boats in commission and another six are under construction), 12 Sa'ar-class missile boats; 30 Dabur coastal patrol boats; and two submarines. The magazine said that Israeli

planners are convinced that Saudi Arabia will ask the U.S. for Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and will receive them despite current U.S. denials.

The article says Israel currently is putting into service three 520-ton coastal boats built in Britain.

Israeli 'copters called to Sinai field post

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israeli Army helicopters have been called into the U.S. electronic surveillance post in Sinai three times for emergency medical evacuation of U.S. personnel, "Aviation Week and Space Technology" reports this week.

The magazine says that the UN expeditionary force, which normally should perform this function, has no helicopters in the area but is negotiating with the U.S. to buy the temporary Sinai field mission site and convert it to a heliport. The Israeli helicopters which performed the evacuation are based at the Rafidim air base, "Aviation Week" said.

'Israel wants Libyan landing rights curbed'

NEW YORK.

— Israel will demand the cancellation of landing rights for Libya's national airline in Western capitals, according to the latest issue of "Newsweek."

The magazine says Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi will come to New York next month to initiate a new international campaign against terrorism. He will suggest several measures to curtail the style of terrorists who operate from Libya, it says.

Among these suggestions, the magazine says, are that Libyan diplomats should be searched at international borders to ascertain that they are not carrying arms for terrorists. "Newsweek" also says, Ya'acobi will propose, especially severe security checks for all passengers arriving from Libya. (AFP)

Roses for UJA mission

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 260 members of the United Jewish Appeal's 1977 Prime Minister's Mission were greeted on their arrival yesterday with red roses and music by a children's band.

The outstanding contributors, here for three days of briefings and tours, were whisked off to an IDF Force base and addressed by IDF Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur.

At dinner in Jerusalem, the mission's members were told of the devotion to Israel of the late Alur-Mishne Yonathan Netanyahu, commander of the Entebbe rescue operation, by his 27-year-old brother Binyamin. "He supported the operation with enthusiasm, fully aware of the danger to himself, his team and the whole State of Israel. It wasn't blind faith," he said, "but a deep sense of a link in a chain of Israel's struggle for survival and independence."

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog also addressed the mission.

The participants then boarded buses to the Western Wall for a ceremony led by Chief Army Chaplain Mordechai Piron. The group will tour the northern border today, with a visit to the "good fence" and to border towns. They leave Thursday after accompanying schoolchildren to classes and hearing a speech from the Prime Minister at the Knesset tomorrow.

YOSEF BROSH has been appointed commander of the Safety Patrol, the Government Press Office said yesterday.

Soldier on trial in Nablus killing

NABLUS.

— A soldier went on trial before a military court yesterday, charged with killing a 16-year-old local girl, Lena Nabulsi, during Arab rioting here last May.

The decision to bring the soldier to trial was the result of an investigation by an inquiry committee, Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur had personally taken up the victim's case, according to an IDF spokesman at the time.

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Accident on the underprivileged as million set to go back to school

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Accident during the new school year opening tomorrow will be extra for the disadvantaged pupils, Minister Aharon Yadin complained yesterday.

Something we've been planning and talking about for years is to start giving," he told Yadin. "The new school year's one of the most difficult years for the pupils can expect."

Beit Shean, "we are making an all-out effort to give children from disadvantaged backgrounds a better start on it this year."

Early on, the school year is expected to be a difficult one for the pupils, Yadin said.

Local police, however, are expected to be a bit more lenient than in previous years.

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Year's holidays

The following days are the school holidays during the 1976/77 academic year (the dates are inclusive):
Rosh Hashana: September 24-25
Yom Kippur: September 26-27
Sukkot: September 28-29
Hannukah: October 1-7
Tu B'Shvat: February 3 (organized excursions)
Purim: March 3-4
Pesach: March 24-Apr. 11
Independence Day: April 21
Lag Ba'Omer: May 6
Shavuot: May 22-24
The last day of school will be June 30, 1977.

style" classes at a state school in Jerusalem. "It won't mean the introduction of a new trend," he insisted, "but an addition to the curriculum which is allowed by a clause in the State Education Law."

The minister announced that a public committee headed by acting director-general Eliezer Shmueli has been set up to follow up plans to increase "Oriental consciousness" in school curricula. More attention must be paid, he said, to helping pupils learn of the contributions of Sephardic Jewry.

Asked about the mounting costs parents face in buying new textbooks each year, Yadin asserted that putting out updated editions "is something we're proud of." He added, however, that new editions would be published only when necessary.

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see a 40 per cent decrease in non-accredited teachers — to 600, instead of 1,000 last year. The ministry has also succeeded in cutting the number of classes by 350, closing down small or unnecessary classes and sending children elsewhere.

For the first time, high school pupils from the centre of the country will be encouraged to study in development towns, where they will be exempted from fees in return for tutoring other youngsters after hours.

Calling the "open telephone project" — in which parents called top ministry officials on Sunday with questions and suggestions — a success, Shmueli promised that it would be repeated during the school year on a number of afternoons.

Minister Yadin maintained that it is "impossible" to make further cuts in the ministry's budget without harming the educational process. "In fact, we would like to have more," he said. To prove the ministry's worth, his spokesman handed out a 14-page typed booklet listing dozens of "improvements" that will be "apparent" when one-third of the population go back to their classrooms.

One of the largest local contingents going back to school tomorrow will be Tel Aviv's 62,000 schoolchildren, who will be attending 372 schools. The city said yesterday that it is extending the early-reading programme it began last year in kindergartens in the disadvantaged southern part of town. Tel Aviv parents wishing information on kindergartens should apply at City Hall tomorrow, Thursday, or next Sunday through Wednesday (September 5-8), between 3 and 6:30 p.m.

The ORT chain of 86 vocational schools predicts a busy year, which will include the opening of the ORT School of Engineering at the Hebrew University, a new computer department at ORT's Syngalowski Centre in Tel Aviv, and a programme of bringing U.S. pupils for a year's study in Israel. The ORT schools will have an enrolment of 30,000 this year, and will also train an additional 15,000 adults.

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Prof. Yitzhak Ya'acov, chief scientist of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, has been appointed head of the Israel Standards Institute. He replaces Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, who has left for a year's sabbatical.

UN removes house for Druse reunions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
MAJIDAL SHAMS. — UN personnel yesterday inexplicably removed the UN sentry-house in the area where Israeli and Syrian Druse were to have met under the mooted family-reunion scheme.

The building was situated between the villages of Majdal Shams and Hader.

Although refusing to offer any reason for their move, UN officers said that no Syrian approval for the family meetings had been received as yet. It is believed the Syrians protested against construction of the guardhouse, and against all the preparations for the meetings which were made without their consent.

Eastern bloc tennis clubs fined for pullout

PHILADELPHIA. — The tennis associations of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Hungary were fined \$10,000 apiece yesterday for defecting from the Federation Cup women's tennis tournament here last week.

The Philippines Tennis Association was fined \$2,500 for withdrawing from the consolation tournament following its elimination from the main championship.

Derek Hardwick, president of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, said the fines imposed by the ITF management committee were made heavy because of the damage to the tournament and its gate receipts.

The Soviet Union led the pullout in protest against the presence of South Africa and Rhodesia in the tournament. Czechoslovakia was the defending champion.

Hardwick said if the fines were not paid, the countries would be excluded from all team competitions set up by the ITF, including the Davis Cup. "International" tournaments would not be sanctioned to those countries or prize money in team events paid to them.

Individual players would not be affected, however. (Reuters)

Shemtov

(Continued from page one)
ing new wage negotiations to begin with the nurses' union. She said: "The ball is no longer in Shemtov's hands, but in the hands of the Government."

When vote time came, Grossman agreed to have her motion referred to the Public Service Committee. However, the big surprise of the day followed moments later when Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, at the demand of Meir Patil (Moked), called for a show of hands on Tamir's motion.

The Minister had originally agreed that both motions — as a unit — go to committee. However, Patil's demand for a vote on Tamir's motion was not ignored.

The result was an embarrassing situation for the Alignment, with a handful of Labour M.K.s supporting Tamir while most, joined by members of the National Religious Party, cast their vote with the Likud. This was seen by many Knesset observers as a slap in the face of Shemtov.

Only 12 M.K.s — Mapamites and other left-leaning members — voted to strike down the Likud motion. Five abstained, and 44 voted in favour.

Some observers saw in Shemtov's loss of support a harbinger of more Alignment friction to come as the elections approach.

In his reply, Shemtov told of midnight visits he had made to emergency wards to see how things were going. Addressing nursing leaders in the gallery, he said, "You must not strike... your work is humanitarian work... if we give in to your demands right now the whole wage structure will collapse."

He backed Grossman's proposal for re-negotiation of their wage agreement by declaring nursing a "preferred occupation."

Shemtov also quoted from the Knesset Record in which M.K.s of various factions in the past praised his work. He also cited statistics showing that "Israel's medicine is marching forward, with a constant drop in infant mortality, a steady rise in life expectancy and a reduction in communicable diseases."

Chess correction
Problem No. 2738 in last Friday's chess column should have read as follows:
White — Kf7, Qc7, Bb5, Bb6, Na8, Ng5, Pe5 (8).
Black — Kd5, Rb3, Rd7, Bb3, Nb8, Nd2, Pb6, Ca, D4. (9). White mates in two.

70 CARMIEL and other Galilee artists are currently exhibiting their work in the plaza in front of the local culture and sport centre. The show, which includes paintings, sculpture, ceramics and glass, will run until Wednesday evening.

Comptroller dispute rages on...

Yeshayahu: 'Knesset Clerk got first six reports'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu appeared yesterday to be transferring part of the responsibility for the handling of the reports of the former internal comptroller of the House to Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch.

At the House Committee's second session on the appointment of the new comptroller, Baruch Azania (former Labour M.K.), Yeshayahu said that Lorch was officially in charge of all administrative and financial matters in the Knesset.

He said the first six reports completed by former comptroller Shimon Lieberman between 1973 and 1975 were in fact submitted to the Clerk as the official responsible for the sphere covered in the reports. Yeshayahu said he himself merely got copies of some of them.

Yeshayahu said: "I placed total reliance on the Knesset Clerk. I never asked for any reports to be submitted directly to me. One is compelled to draw conclusions from the fact that after a while Lieberman stopped sending reports to Lorch and sent them to me instead."

"It is therefore slanderous for me to have been accused, in this matter, of neglecting to handle the Lieberman reports."

At this, the Speaker's challenger, Elud Olmert (Likud), interjected: "You did not even have the reports, so you organized a search outside the Knesset to collect them."

Yeshayahu: "I know very well that Lieberman leaked to you all your material."

Olmert accused Yeshayahu of misrepresenting the power of the Knesset Clerk, since in fact the Speaker-at-Arms Yitzhak Ben-Gal, who was probed in some of the Lieberman reports, was responsible only to the Speaker.

Olmert also accused the Speaker of misleading the House Committee and the Finance Committee about the dates when Ben-Gal was divested of his authority for Knesset purchases, finances and maintenance.

The session was interrupted for five minutes because of a violent shouting match between Olmert and the chairman, Ari Ankori (Alignment). Olmert accused Ankori of concealing the material sent him by the Speaker for a whole week.

At the committee's next session ILP representative Yehuda Sha'ari, along with some Alignment members, is expected to table a motion calling for Azania to cancel his contract with the Knesset as comptroller, and for the post to be thrown open to public tender (in which Azania could also compete).

Yeruham residents picket over Government neglect

Jerusalem Post Reporter
About 200 Yeruham residents demonstrated outside the Knesset yesterday to complain against what they said was "the Government's neglect of our town."

Yerah Glatter, director of the Yeruham Community Centre, told The Jerusalem Post: "The 7,000 people of Yeruham are sick and tired of the Government's vacillation. For 24 years since our founding, we have been promised more industry. Instead, only four industrial plants have been established. Now they are laying off workers, and we have a major crisis on our hands."

Glatter said a major demand of Yeruhamites now, besides more industry, is the completion of a road connecting the town to Ramat Kochav, a suburb of Beersheba. Ramat Kochav has been chosen by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as the site of a large new industrial complex.

Glatter added, "If the Government cannot accommodate us this way then let them dismantle our town and move us en masse to Dimona or somewhere else."

"If the Government fails in its purported policy of population dispersal and strengthening development towns, there will be a mass exodus of young people, and we will be left with our 450 oldsters and scores of problem families."

Several M.K.s went out to meet with the demonstrators. One of them, Jacques Amir of the Alignment, promised to raise the issue at the Labour Committee. Social Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer said he would bring the Yeruham problem to the Ministerial Committee on Development Towns.

In Yeruham yesterday the head of the local labour council announced that all the workers laid off from the Negev Ceramics factory in the town would get new employment within a week. Part of the laid-off Negev Ceramics workers will join the phosphate works at Oran, and the rest will be offered jobs at the Sde Boker College.

Harpists meet in J'lem for international contest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A strike at Haifa Port nearly endangered the opening of the International Harp Contest scheduled to open tonight at Jerusalem's Theatre.

Three harps from Lyon and Healy of Chicago, who traditionally provide some of the instruments used at the harp contests, could not be taken off the boat; but special arrangements made at the last minute allowed the delivery in time of the kingly instruments to Jerusalem.

Details of the harp's peril and of the tri-annual contest were disclosed by Aharon Zvi Propp, president of the Israel Harp Society and director of the contest, at a press conference held yesterday in Jerusalem. Tonight, judges, guests of honour and 28 contestants from eight countries will be presented to the public at the Jerusalem Theatre, when Nancy Allen, first-prize winner at the last contest, in 1973, will perform a programme of harp music.

Phila Berghout, the Dutch queen of the harp and a faithful participant in the Israeli competitions since they began in 1959, told reporters that the "invention" of the International Harp Contest in Israel totally changed the world of the harp. For the first time great teachers and performers of this instrument could meet, get acquainted and exchange experiences. The harp suddenly became internationally recognized as a solo instrument and prize-winners at the Israeli contests achieved international reputations.

Better terms for old Savings Loan bonds

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The amendment to the Savings Loan Law enabling bond holders to keep their certificates for another four years at better terms than before was approved in the Knesset yesterday on the second and third readings.

According to the amendment, holders of loan bonds falling due on October 1 this year and October 1, 1977, will get 100 per cent linkage and 5 per cent interest — with the capital, interest and linkage all tax free — if they do not cash them in but leave them for another four years.

A WARNING STRIKE by administrative workers at the Broadcasting Authority, scheduled to begin this evening, was called off yesterday after the workers' leaders agreed to seek a negotiated settlement of their demands for improvement in job grading.

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Austrians view Kfir



Von Luetgendorf

Jerusalem Post Staff
Austrian Defence Minister Brig. Karl Ferdinand von Luetgendorf and the members of his delegation yesterday met with Defence Minister Shimon Peres and spent a good part of the day watching Israel's Kfir jet fighter as it was put through its paces. The top-level Austrian delegation is here for talks on the possible purchase of the Kfir for the Austrian Air Force.

Tonight Austrian General Hannes Philipp, who is commander of Undof peacekeeping units in the North, will host a dinner in honour of the delegation at the Intercontinental Hotel in Jerusalem. The Austrian Parliament Members of the delegation include W. Mondl of the ruling Socialist Party, Heinrich Neisser and Rudolf Marwan Schuster of the opposition conservative People's Party, and Georg Zellinger and Otto Scharf of the right-wing Freedom Party.

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Thai teachers learn ulpan methods here

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA. — A team of five Thai university teachers, who will constitute the staff of a new department to be opened at their university in Bangkok, left on Sunday after a month-long stay at Upan Akiva here, where they learned how the ulpan method is used to teach Hebrew to foreigners.

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Kibbutzim enrol 100 in HU's agriculture school
The Hebrew University and the Kibbutz Movements Association yesterday signed an agreement for mass admission of kibbutz members to the Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot.
About 100 kibbutz members have enrolled for this year under the agreement, which covers the next five years. They constitute one-third of the entering class in the faculty. Most of them, who had not received matriculation diplomas, are currently going through a college preparatory course.

Competition to Design a Postage Stamp
The Ministry of Communications announces an open competition for the design of a stamp
"NAHAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY"
Full details of the competition are available from Philatelic Services, 12 Sderot Yerushalayim, Tel Aviv-Yafo 61080, 8 a.m. to 12 noon — write or come in person.
Last date for submitting entries: Friday, October 29, 1976 (12 noon).

Sixth International Harp Contest
Tonight, Tuesday, August 31, 1976, 8.30 p.m.
at the Jerusalem Theatre
GALA OPENING

Unfettered power for Gandhi in draft law

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government yesterday unveiled a sweeping constitutional amendment giving the executive branch virtually unfettered power to remould India.

The 20-page draft amendment re-writing India's democratic charter redefines India as a "secular, socialist" republic, sets forth "fundamental duties" for each citizen, bars any activity or association the government deems "anti-national" and curtails the judiciary's right to enforce civil liberties and review legislation, including constitutional amendments.

The proposed amendment to India's 26-year-old constitution also allows the president, on the advice of the prime minister's cabinet, to amend the constitution himself over the next two years to remove "any difficulty" arising from the constitutional overhaul.

In circulating the draft amendment to members of parliament for the first time, the government said the changes were needed to help achieve a "socio-economic revolution" which would end poverty, ignorance, disease and inequality of opportunity.

But leading opposition spokesmen charged that the amendment would destroy the foundations of India's parliamentary democracy.

"This makes parliament into a make-believe," charged Krishna Kant, who last year was drummed out of the Congress Party for opposing Mrs. Gandhi's policies. "If the president can amend the constitution, parliamentary democracy becomes meaningless," he added.

According to the draft amendment, the preamble's description of India as a "sovereign democratic republic" will be changed to "sovereign socialist democratic republic." The amendment does not outline any major new socialist policies, although it does call for workers' participation in industrial management.

The "fundamental duties" outlined under a new article call for each citizen to work for the good of the nation, abide by the constitution, uphold India's ideals, "abjure violence" and "promote harmony." Opposition lawmakers expressed concern that the ban on "anti-national" activities and associations might empower the government to outlaw any political party which disagrees with official policies.

The amendment in part defines as "anti-national" any activity "which disclaims, questions, threatens, disrupts or is intended to disrupt the sovereignty and integrity of India or the security of the state or the unity of the nation." (AP)

STARLIFTER. — There are no indications so far of sabotage, but it has not been ruled out in the crashes of two Starlifter C-141 U.S. air force transport planes taking 38 lives over the weekend. Investigations are under way into the crashes in England and Greenland, 5,000 km. apart, but both involving planes flying from McGuire air force base, New Jersey, on Saturday.



Firemen inspect the engine and passenger cars of a special train chartered by a travel agency after the train, en route from Nice to Amsterdam, overturned near Compiègne, France, yesterday morning. Only two people were seriously injured, with about 20 more taken to hospital and released after treatment. (UPI telephoto)

S.A. soldier describes atrocities against blacks

LONDON. — "The Guardian" yesterday printed a South African army conscript's account of atrocities allegedly committed by South African troops along the border of South West Africa and Angola.

Bill Anderson, 21, who said he had served in a headquarters platoon of the 6th battalion, South African infantry, from November, 22 1975 until mid-February 1976, said he saw Africans — including children — beaten and tortured during a hunt for agents of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO), and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) — which now rules Angola.

"Torture began almost at once when the suspects were brought back," Anderson recalled. "I saw troops beating the suspects with rifles and fists and kicks for two hours before they were taken into a tent."

"One rifleman-driver cut the ear off a dead prisoner whom he had shot and sent the ear home in a meths (methylated spirits) bottle," Anderson said.

Others were subjected to water torture. "A rag was placed over

one suspect's face and water poured on continuously until he suffocated," Anderson said. "My battalion commander was there and ordered this to be done."

"The men remained silent under beatings but, after the water torture they admitted to being cattle thieves."

"All suspects were blindfolded and beaten when brought in. The conditions they were kept in were appalling. They were handcuffed to trees at night. Some were kept in pits. It was winter and very cold, approaching freezing point at night. Many wore only loin-cloths and were drenched in cold water."

Anderson said he was the cook and "the only food I know they were given was scraps once a day which were piled into a big bin."

"The Guardian" said that the Cape Town-born Anderson was "an opponent of apartheid and a reluctant soldier."

By publishing his story "he makes a return to South Africa — where he could be charged under the official secrets act — a practical impossibility," the newspaper said. (UPI)

Vietnamese killed in Saigon hijack bid

BANGKOK. — A Vietnamese national was killed and an Air France jet waiting to evacuate refugees from Saigon airport was damaged on Sunday in a grenade explosion on the hijacked aircraft, the French embassy said here yesterday.

Reports out of Saigon said the plane, an Air France Caravelle with about 30 refugees aboard, was hijacked later Saturday and held for more than 12 hours by a Vietnamese national who demanded passage to Bangkok, the embassy said.

The embassy said the hijacker agreed to release the refugees on the plane, all holding French citizenship, late on Saturday and freed the Air France crew on Sunday morning.

Details of the hijacking were sketchy, but the French embassy said the hijacker apparently was killed and the plane damaged when authorities at Tan Son Nhut airport rushed the cabin of the aircraft and the hijacker exploded two grenades. No other casualties were reported, the embassy said. (UPI)

'E. Germans arming Arabs, Africans'

HAMBURG. — The West German news magazine "Der Spiegel" said yesterday that East Germany is pumping DM200m. (1L630m.) worth of military aid a year into Arab and African states.

"Der Spiegel" said East German specialists are serving as military instructors abroad while the Interior Ministry in East Berlin trains black security officials and East German industry supplies war materials to some two dozen countries.

The magazine said that since the early 1970s, groups of between 20 to 100 East German military specialists have served, or were still serving, in six Arab and nine African countries.

It named the countries as Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, the Peoples Republic of Yemen, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, the Congo Peoples Republic, Nigeria, Zambia, Somalia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Angola.

"Der Spiegel" said that foreign military officers are not trained in East Germany because the Soviet Union has reserved this for itself, assisted by Czechoslovakia. (Reuters)

U.S., Soviet meet to ban chemical warfare

GENEVA, Switzerland. — The U.S. and the Soviet Union announced yesterday that bilateral consultations this month on the partial ban of chemical weapons brought "useful" results.

A communiqué issued simultaneously in Washington and Moscow and made available here, said the talks in Geneva on a possible joint initiative for banning most of the toxic weapons was a first step toward complete prohibition of chemical warfare.

The private consultations, from August 16-27, were held in accordance with the July, 1974 Moscow summit agreement between President Nixon and Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev. They were held outside the 30-nation Geneva disarmament conference which has discussed the issue with little progress for seven years. East-West disagreement over how to police an accord provided the main stumbling block. (AP)

Rain falls in U.K. at last Holiday drenched, but drought unquenched

LONDON. — Heavy rain fell sporadically in parched England and Wales over the past few days, flooding homes and spotting the long Bank Holiday weekend. But experts said yesterday it had done almost nothing to alleviate Britain's worst drought in 500 years.

Officials said water-saving measures will probably remain in force well into the winter.

"Welcome though it is," said a spokesman for the National Water Council, "the rain will have virtually no effect on the drought position."

"It has to rain from now until Christmas to make sure we are all right next year," said Sports Minister Denis Howell, who last week was designated by Britain's Labour government to coordinate all measures dealing with the water shortage.

It has rained the past few days in Belgium and France, also hit hard by the drought. But experts in those countries took much the same view as in Britain — the rain

was too little and too late to do much good.

One beneficial effect of Britain's recent rain was a lessening of the danger of fire in parched forests, heaths and scrubland. But the rain didn't please everyone. Yesterday was the last day of the long end-of-summer Bank Holiday weekend. Thousands of Britons hoping to soak up what may be the last bit of summer sun had to postpone their trips to the beaches.

"Ask yourself," quipped "The Daily Mirror" in an editorial, "where else in the world would the weather wait two months to rain on a Bank Holiday weekend?"

On Sunday, a deluge at Exeter in southwest England, particularly hard hit by the drought, forced drivers to pull off the road because visibility was almost nil. The heavy rain also flooded homes in the Exeter area.

Gatwick airport just south of London closed for 7½ hours on Sunday because of dense fog and mist and about 20 flights were diverted elsewhere. (AP)

Soviets warn of growing Egypt-Libya conflict

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union warned yesterday of the growing possibility of a military conflict between Egypt and Libya "fraught with a serious danger to world peace."

While refraining from a direct attack on Egypt, the Communist newspaper "Pravda" underlined the Soviet Union's support of Libya, and linked the dispute between the neighbouring Arab nations to U.S. attempts to mediate the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Pravda" said the dispute between Egypt and Libya grew out of Libya's opposition to Egypt's willingness to reach a separate U.S.-mediated Middle East settlement with Israel. Such a settlement "would meet the interests of the imperialists and the Zionist aggressors."

The development of events around Libya merits close attention throughout the world since there emerges the danger of a new military conflict breaking out in the area of

the Middle East, one of the hottest points on the globe," Pravda said.

The outbreak of new conflicts would be fraught with a serious danger to world peace. Although the Soviet Union has taken no open part in the dispute between Egypt and Libya, the Middle East News agency said earlier this month that Libya had enough Soviet equipment for a 60,000-man force, that Soviet Mig-25 jetfighters were flying reconnaissance missions from Libyan airfields and the Soviet fleet was using Libya's Mediterranean harbours.

Meanwhile, the "Los Angeles Times" reported yesterday that Egypt has moved another major contingent of military forces to the western desert facing Libya, and Ramadan holiday leaves have been cancelled in at least some units.

The make-up of the fresh reinforcements, the second major military movement by Egypt in a little more than two weeks, was not revealed. (UPI)

Iran seeks killers of 3 Americans

TEHRAN. — A military firing squad yesterday executed two convicted terrorists, a man and a woman, as the hunt continued for the assassins of three Americans working on a top secret Iranian air force project.

Officials said Mohammad Safari Langrudi was a foreign-trained terrorist who three years ago joined the Islamic Marxist guerrillas, the group which Iranian authorities said was responsible for Saturday's machinegun slaying of three Rockwell International Company employees.

The official announcement of the executions said Langrudi and the woman terrorist, Assem Hani Ahan-garan, had been in custody for several months.

A cyclist, according to the police, has supplied them with information on the getaway car used by the assassins of William Cottrell, Robert Krongard and Donald Smith, who had been engaged in secret work for the Iranian Air Force.

One of Rockwell International's projects for the Iranian Air Force was reported to be a \$1b. operation to develop a highly sophisticated electronic surveillance system of communications intelligence in neighbouring countries, including the Soviet Union.

Friends of Cottrell said he was an expert in the field of electronics and missile weapons systems, but there was no way of determining if he and the two others were engaged in that work. (UPI)

Haig notes Moscow missile build-up

WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union is adding multiple-head and mobile missiles to those already aimed at Western Europe, while Soviet aircraft have doubled their delivery range in recent years, "U.S. News and World Report" said yesterday.

The American news magazine was quoting the Nato commander, U.S.

General Alexander Haig, who was interviewed in Mons, Belgium where he is preparing for Nato's fall manoeuvres.

Haig also pointed out that the Warsaw Pact nations have 925,000 troops in Central Europe, compared to Nato's 800,000 in the West. He said the Communists have 19,000 tanks to 7,300 for Nato. (AP)

IN BRIEF

Swiss exp Iranian 'SI

BERN, Switzerland. — A diplomat serving with a mission to the UN office has been expelled for intelligence activities, Swiss said yesterday.

A Justice Ministry official said the unidentified Swiss diplomat informed Iranian agents that his "continued presence is no longer acceptable."

It was the fourth expatriation of a Swiss diplomat in the past two weeks. The international scandal involves Swiss army Brig-Gen. Jean-Marie, who alleged Soviet espionage activities in the Soviet Embassy here and secrets for several years. Secretary of the Soviet Embassy here were expelled in which the Swiss government said were untrue.

Death for Rhodesian

SALISBURY. — Eight were sentenced to death today for their part in attacks on railway in Salisbury nightclub and

They had all pleaded six charges under the Order Maintenance Act range in age from 19 to 24.

The attacks include grenade raid on the railway July 20. One man, a white, was seriously injured.



'Buffy' with Mrs. B visit to Israel four y.

Mary Jones dies myster

OCEANSIDE, Calif. autopsy has turned up evidence about the death of Mary Anissa Jones, ed Buffy in the tel "Family Affair," offic

Police at first suspected dose of barbiturates w for the death of t Miss Jones. But San Deputy Coroner Jay "nothing conclusive" the autopsy and furth be necessary to deter of death."

Miss Jones arrived side area on Friday a few days at a friend friends, unable to Saturday, called a n tram, but she was pr on arrival at Tri-City

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ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF THE LONDON AND LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

A. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF HEAD OFFICE

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

	\$1.12.75	\$1.12.74		\$1.12.75	
Investments	119,130	82,296	Capital Funds and Sundry Balances	30,150	
Fixed Assets	618	567	Reserves for Unexpired Risks	31,321	
Other Assets	36,773	38,923	In General Insurance	68,455	
	156,421	121,776	Outstanding Claims	28,495	
			Other Liabilities	156,421	1

DATA ON INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

	1975	
Premium from General Insurance	21,000	
Profit/(Loss) from General Insurance	87,856	
Income from investments not included in Insurance Accounts	(4,541)	
Profits (before provision)	7,416	
	2,875	

B. DATA ON BUSINESS IN ISRAEL FOR THE YEAR 1975

	1975	
Premiums and Registration fees from General Insurance	IL	
Profit/(Loss) on General Insurance, net of Head Office Expenses	3,532,621	3.5
Income from investments not included in Insurance Revenue Accounts	1,373,556	(1.4)
Profit/(Loss) before taxes on income	70,273	
	1,332,621	(1.3)

C. SUMMARY OF LIABILITIES AND INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1975

	\$1.12.1975	\$1.
Liabilities in Israel	IL1,000	IL
Approved Investments in Israel	2,352	
Surplus (Deficit) on Approved Investments in Israel	2,491	
Unapproved Investments in Israel	139	
	427	

A complete and detailed report, together with Auditors' Report, is obtainable on request at the offices of The Consolidated Near East Company of Israel Ltd., 115 Rehov Hahashmonaim, Tel Aviv.

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E. RUTENBERG
Managing Director
Representative of the Company in Israel

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UJA PRIME MINISTER'S MISSION: A NEW ERA IN LEADERSHIP

Special to the Jerusalem Post

JERUSALEM, August 30—The Prime Minister's Mission of 300 American Jewish community leaders arriving today at the invitation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin represents the culmination of a nine-year process in which UJA has become a vital medium for Jewish commitment and identity in the United States.

In this process, begun in response to the outbreak of the Six Day War in June, 1967, the UJA, together with community Federations and welfare funds, has succeeded in maintaining high levels of giving in years without wars or major crises, in increasing the flow of cash to the Jewish Agency despite uneven and generally depressed economic conditions, and in reaching into virtually every corner of Jewish life in America.

As a result, there has developed an informed and involved leadership whose world outlook and spirit of unity and oneness with Jews the world over has deepened into a constructive and positive force in Jewish life.

Typifying this newer leadership, the 300 delegates to the Prime Minister's Mission will inaugurate the big gifts phase of the 1977 UJA campaign during their stay here. The pledges to be announced are expected to create a campaign total commensurate with UJA's announced aim of topping the projected 1976 total of some \$500 million. The leadership group is also considered the vanguard of more than 4,000 Jews coming to Israel in October for the UJA Annual National Conference, "This Year in Jerusalem", which will inaugurate the general fund-raising drive.

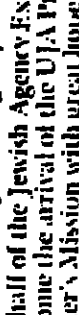
The Conference, the first ever to be held by UJA outside the United States, was proposed in response to the spirit of the Solidarity Conference here last December. Enthusiastically adopted by UJA's national officers and promoted by the community leaders represented on the Prime Minister's Mission, it immediately caught the imagination of the American Jewish community and will produce the largest single group ever to visit here.

inspired by these two UJA events in Israel, the 1977 campaign is expected to be in full swing by mid-fall, a development unprecedented in the organization's history. *Leading*
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JOSEF ALMOG:



Chairman, The Jewish Agency

On behalf of the Jewish Agency Executive I welcome the arrival of the U.S. Prime Minister's Mission with great hope and anticipation. Yours is among the most timely missions ever conducted by the distinguished leadership of the American Jewish community. You come to us at a moment when we are faced with the need for decisive action to maintain the quality of life, the single most important resource of our people.

Continuing inflation threatens our economy and social structure. In the struggle to combat this threat our people are tightening their belts and must accept drastic cuts in such basic social programs as education and welfare.

Can we really not afford to pay for the basic human welfare of our people? Can we in the Jewish Agency afford to adopt a budget of \$502 million, far short of what is needed? Can we afford to deny the Jewish people its future? The answer is we cannot afford to.

In the next few days, you will see why in deeply human terms, I know you will take that insight back with you to your communities and lead the American Jewish people in a campaign that will provide the turning point in our social history. I know you will help to reverse the agonizing pattern of setback and to turn doubt and uncertainty into hope and fulfillment.



PITZHAH RABIN

Prime Minister of the State of Israel

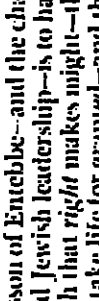
...welcoming to Israel the members of the 1977 UJA Prime Minister's Mission, I am mindful of the spirit of partnership that has brought the mission about. Your program will provide you with the opportunity to observe at first hand how much has been accomplished and how much more has still to be achieved. Your visit will hopefully provide the freshest insights into the crucial role the UJA has played and must continue to play in improving the quality of life and meeting the human welfare needs of Israel's developing society.

This humanitarian endeavor expresses all that is noble and fine in our common Jewish heritage which is the heritage of Israel. Upon it is founded our common bond as a People and our dedication to the rebuilding of Israel in strength and security.

I greet you therefore not just as visitors and friends, but as members of the family of Israel.



FRANK R. LAUTENBERG



UJA General Chairman

The lesson of Entebbe—and the challenge to world Jewish leadership—is to have the faith that *right* makes right—that we cannot take life for granted—and that, in our faith, we have the authority—the claring—and the courage to do our duty.

As this Prime Minister's Mission begins its study of the promise and the reality of Israel today—let us not lose sight of the "state" of Israel. There have been serious cutbacks of progress eroding the fabric of life...signposts which indicate that we are not doing enough.

As we launch our 1977 campaign, two realities confront this vanguard of American Jewish leadership here in Jerusalem: the people of Israel have cut their budget twice within six months, and the Jewish Agency is operating on a \$602 million budget premised on a \$125 million deficit. What will this do to the quality of life in Israel? What are our responsibilities? What will we do?

The choice is ours—if we will it. Indeed, let us tell the people of Israel we care—we believe—and are willing to act in our belief.

Here in Jerusalem, let us declare that our future is as promising as our past proud—and for Zion's sake—and for our children's future—let us together give the whole world our answer: that we are *truly* one people!

1977 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

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Harvey Rosenbloom	FLINT, MICHIGAN	Gerald C. Lasensky	Arthur Levinson	Monty Pomin
Nazaire Schouela	Murray Moss	ROSFORD, VIRGINIA	SEANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
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Joe Bernau	Irv Geisler	Leonard R. Strellitz	George Joel	Barbara Rudnick
Harry Gorman	Sen. Sam Greenberg	NORTH JERSEY	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
David Marks	Albert Segal	Stanley Becunecig	Murray Shiff	Charles Ruenberg
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Percy Young	Leon H. Brachman	Charles Kessler	SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY	HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA
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Ira Born	Louis Grass	Oscar A. Minzer	Sander Sherman	PORTLAND, MAINE
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Gordon Zacks	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	Herbert Thurnham	Alvin Stern	RUANOKE, VIRGINIA
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Phill Winn	Martin Cohen	Robert D. Jolon	Irving Frank	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
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ENGLENWOOD, NEW JERSEY	Martin S. Kravt			
	Raymond Zimmictrich			



SHIMON PERES
Minister of Defense
We are looking to the future with concern and confidence. We did not come to this country to create a military legend. Our military achievements are an answer to a Jewish dream. Each of us is a soldier in the history of Jewish faith and endeavor. Taking all arms combined and all strategies scrutinized, nothing is more important for our future than spiritual judgment and Jewish solidarity.

(Continued)

A NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP

both events is General Chairman Frank R. Laubenberg, whose rise to leadership of the UJA—from relatively marginal involvement with American Jewish life before the events of June, 1967—parallels the nine-year growth of the organization.

Most recently under the professional direction of Executive Vice Chairman Irving Bernstein, the UJA has developed from a comparatively insular fundraising effort reaching a limited constituency to what Bernstein describes as a multi-purpose, multi-faceted organization with skilled technicians in a variety of areas reaching out to the total Jewish community of the country: students—faculty—laymen—women—young leaders—rabbi.

"Today," says Bernstein, "we are involved in a multiplicity of sophisticated domestic and international programs, including sensitivity training, group dynamics, seminars, practicums...all for the purpose of upgrading beginners, workers, campaign leaders and even chairmen."

The leadership developed and instructed through these programs has achieved broadness of vision and clarity of purpose on the strength of four realizations:

First, that raising money for the people of Israel is honorable, dignified and a vital part of Jewish life;

Second, that it is an educational process, with increased knowledge and contact with Israel's people creating the understanding that the Jewish

horizon is beyond personal family and community;

Third, that a generation still traumatized by the Holocaust has the right and obligation to ask every American Jew to save and sustain the Jewish lives their fathers' generation failed to save;

And, fourth, that if Jerusalem is the cornerstone of Judaism and Israel the center of Jewish life, the American Jewish community has the mandate to ask every constituent to be one with the people of Israel.

It was a leadership rooted in these realizations that created UJA's proudest achievements during the nine-year period: raising more in peacetime 1971 and 1972 than in wartime 1967, and collecting more cash in the past two years than in any previous non-war year. Its sense of unity with Israel's people, he feels—rekindled by the Yom Kippur War and growing stronger each year—makes it proof against any recurring complacency, even in the post-Entebbe period. In launching the 1977 campaign with the current Prime Minister's Mission, UJA is facing a significant—even historic—challenge.

"Our test as Jews," Laubenberg declares, "is not what we did in 1967 and 1973—years of deadly and dramatic conflict—but what we do today when the very essence of our faith is threatened all over the world."

It is the test of a new era of UJA leadership, and it begins with the Prime Minister's Mission arriving today.



SYLVIA HASSENZELD
Chairman, UJA National Women's Division
A Hassidic proverb says that the light of even one candle cannot be extinguished by all the darkness in the universe. We must not be distraught by despair. Together, the people of Israel and the Jews of the United States can meet all challenges. For today, more than ever, we are truly one people—truly all responsible, one for the other.



IRVING BERNSTEIN
Executive Vice Chairman
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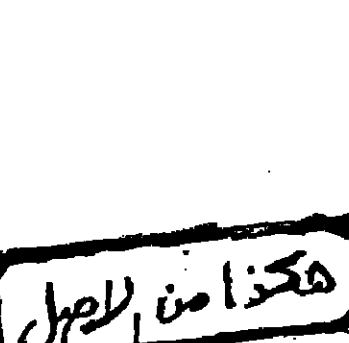
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TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

Trading settles down

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Stocks trading settled down to a more even performance, but the general tone continued to be positive.
Financial issues were steady; but Bank Leumi, on a demand in excess of 14,000,000, reached a new high of 207. Mortgage institutions on balance were somewhat higher. Insurance shares also fared well with small gains throughout the day.
Land development equities were almost unchanged as they managed to hold on to recent strong gains. Among the real estate issues, Rasco preferred reached a new high of 148. Speculation is rife concerning the management's possible decision to declare a cash dividend on the preferred shares. The company has not paid any dividends for a good number of years, and a declaration of dividend payment would result in a windfall. Tomorrow the company is to issue its annual statement.

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One year after

TOMORROW will be the first anniversary of the signing of the interim Sinai agreement between Israel and Egypt, through the good offices of the U.S. In this country, the occasion has already called forth a wide-ranging public assessment of the accord's first year, and future prospects. The highlight was a prolonged discussion at last Sunday's Cabinet session, which, in the Israeli tradition, was dutifully leaked to the media.

Despite repeated criticism from the sidelines, the general consensus appears to be that the Sinai agreement has justified itself, although not some of the more buoyant hopes which accompanied its conclusion.

The agreement has not led to any fresh moves towards peace, not even to progress in the direction of a new pact to end the state of war — which Israel had originally proposed to incorporate in a more far-reaching version of the Sinai accord itself. But the agreement has assured Israel of a period of tranquillity in which to gather new strength, especially in the military sphere, and at the same time to unrelentingly demonstrate this country's readiness to advance towards peace by all means possible.

Legitimate expectations that the agreement would lead to some appreciable abatement in Egypt's diplomatic and economic boycott warfare against Israel have not been borne out. On the ground, however, the agreement has largely been observed, even if not quite to the extent reported by the U.S. monitoring stations.

The Egyptian violations charged by Israel — most of which, as explained by Prime Minister Rabin, date back to the first disengagement accord — do not in any case amount to an aggressive forward deployment. And the Suez Canal, it is well to remember, is now open, for the first time since 1948, for shipping of goods to and from Israel.

From the Israeli vantage point, the fact that Egypt was alone in concluding an interim agreement had its ample compensation in the wedge which was thereby driven between Cairo and Damascus — and most other Arab capitals. Critics now claim that the split in Arab ranks had nothing to do with the success of Dr. Kissinger's efforts. This is only partly true. The latest sniping between Egypt and Syria did indeed start as soon as the Arab defeat in the October war was sealed with a hasty cease-fire. But the interim agreement surely helped exacerbate relations between the two war partners — historic rivals for Middle East hegemony.

Middle East history works in devious ways, however, so that the Arab rift over the Sinai accord had some quite unforeseen results. On the eastern front it led to a new belligerent alignment between Syria and Jordan. But on the northern front, in Lebanon, it caused the PLO, chief opponent of the engagement, to so overlap its hand as to force Syria to virtually break the arm of the terrorists. On balance, despite Egypt's sudden rush in aid of the PLO, the gain has still been Israel's.

The gain in terms of Israel's improved relations with the U.S. hardly needs proof. The conclusion of the agreement was the signal for an end to the aid freeze called "reassessment," and for the opening of a vast new programme of military and economic aid to Israel. If this has increased Israel's dependence on the U.S., as some critics argue, and could lead to excessive diplomatic pressures, it has also assured the country's independence in the face of Arab threats of upsetting the power balance.

The stream of aid will of course gradually be reduced, and part of the assistance will have to be repaid from scant resources. That cannot be helped, and should not be lamented. What is rightly worrying, however, is the tendency of some officials in Washington to forget that Israel has claims on the U.S. that are part of a package deal that netted America its present status as the leading Middle East power. Yet it is the spirit of the Sinai agreement, and not some Israeli whim, which dictates that the U.S., for example, stand up to the Arabs' worldwide boycott of Israel.

The final verdict on the agreement, as some Cabinet members suggested last Sunday, will only be possible when it runs out, in two and a half years' time. But the nature of that verdict will greatly be affected by what is, or is not, done in the meantime by Israel, and by the U.S. as well.

Aid without strings

WITH OUR MINDS fixed on the fluctuations of aid determined by diplomacy, we are sometimes apt to lose sight of the gift of assistance steadily rendered by Jews abroad, mostly by American Jews, with open hearts, and with no strings attached.

Yesterday a mission composed of 300 of America's top Jewish communal leaders, and chief donors, arrived here to study Israel's needs and problems. They are the vanguard of more than 4,000 Jews from the U.S. and Canada who will take part in the UJA's national conference in Jerusalem towards the end of October.

In the three days they are scheduled to spend here, at the invitation of the Prime Minister, the UJA leadership will find Israel struggling against very heavy odds, conscious of its many difficulties and imperfections, yet determined to forge a better and more secure future for the ingathering nation.

We wish them full success in the mission, the importance of which cannot be overestimated.

A new role for the non-Zionists

IN 1929, the World Zionist Organization agreed to share its responsibilities in building the Jewish national home with "non-Zionists" — a category that included a number of distinguished Jews who were not members of Zionist parties, notably Louis Marshall, Lord Melchett, Albert Einstein, and Leon Blum. But, while legally granting the non-Zionists parity in its governing institutions, in practice the WZO retained control over the operating departments of the "enlarged" Jewish Agency, and it acted as spokesman for both wings of world Jewry in all matters affecting Palestine.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel, the WZO, though continuing to control the departments of the Jewish Agency in Israel, has increasingly lost its sense of purpose and its prestige both in Israel and throughout the Jewish world. Far from epitomising a great and challenging idea, and providing exceptional leaders to implement it, the organization has become a mere adjunct to the Israeli political establishment and with some exceptions, its party-appointed officials are but part of a drab and often inefficient bureaucracy.

Although it receives tens of millions of dollars annually from Jews all over the world, the WZO-controlled departments have not, by and large, been called to public account for their use and have not assumed responsibility for their effectiveness. These departments — Aliya, Youth and Hehalutz, Jewish Education in the Diaspora, Information and Organization, Youth Aliya, Settlement — have been divided up among the Zionist political parties according to their estimated strength, and each party reigns supreme over its fiefdom.

The role of the "non-Zionist" wing of the Jewish Agency — particularly its Keren Hayesod component — has been to collect the funds that seed the budgets of these departments. In 1971, the Jewish Agency was "reconstituted," and the "non-Zionist" wing clearly defined as representing the principal fundraising bodies in the Jewish world — e.g., the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds and the UJA in the U.S., the United Israel Appeal in Britain, the Fonds Social Juif in France, the chairman and the treasurer of the Jewish Agency remain representatives of the "Zionist" wing, though they must be approved by the "non-Zionists," while the chairman of the Agency's Governing Board which determines general policy is the leader of the "non-Zionists."

IDEOLOGICALLY, it is difficult to distinguish between "Zionists" and "non-Zionists." While the "non-Zionists" are as much involved in building and strengthening the Jewish State as the "Zionists," members of Zionist parties abroad have no greater responsibilities with respect to Israel than the "non-Zionists."

What in fact separates the two wings of the Agency is that the "Zionists" control the day-to-day operations of the Agency's departments in Jerusalem and in the U.S., and that every four years they hold a congress (the next one will be held in January 1977) at which they ostensibly represent the partisan interests of their several political constituencies.

More and more people who are familiar with the situation are recognizing that the "Zionist" component in the Jewish Agency has not been doing a good job. The Agency's departments are largely manned by individuals selected on the basis of party loyalty rather than personal competence. The inefficient and bureaucratic management of many of these departments has contributed to the deterioration of the Jewish Agency's image throughout the Jewish world.

The recent decision of the Zionist groups to disperse with elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress in Israel and the U.S., and to freeze the present political party representation as determined by the politicians of the Zionist organizations, has been seen by many as ringing the death knell for a once meaningful and vibrant Zionist movement. Partisan democracy has given way to establishmentarianism. Once again, the operational portfolios in the Jewish Agency will be distributed according to the estimated strength of the various Zionist political groupings. It is not the masses of Jews through free elections, but a handful of "Zionist" politicians, who will determine what will be done.

The "non-Zionist" wing of the Agency, comprised largely of distinguished individuals who do not earn their livelihood from the public coffers as do most of their "Zionist" counterparts, has reason to be disturbed by the deteriorating image of the Agency. Although they raise most of the overseas Jewish funds for Israel — over half a billion dollars annually — and although they wield supposedly 50 per cent of the decision-making power with respect to Agency policies, these members have been denied any practical day-to-day authority for implementing these policies.

NO WONDER that these selfless and capable "non-Zionists" are frustrated. They assemble in Jerusalem a few times a year to review budgets and policies whose drafts are initiated by the "Zionist" department heads. They participate in debates, vote on resolutions, enjoy red carpet treatment, and then — back to their countries of residence, leaving the Agency to its "Zionist" practices. How long can intelligent, self-respecting persons endure such a role?

Not too long apparently. At the closing session of the last meeting of the Agency's Governing Board in Jerusalem only a month ago, its chairman, Max Fisher of the U.S., served public notice on behalf of the "non-Zionist" wing that his colleagues would no longer go along with those activities and personnel of the Agency that had become notorious for their mediocrity and inefficiency.

"Unfortunately," he said, "we have not yet reached the point where men are selected for Agency service solely for their qualifications without regard to political or party affiliations. And we have not reached the point where good men know they can advance in the Agency solely on the basis of merit.... The party key still serves to lock out able people we need in our Agency and lock in others who are not up to their responsibilities. And we can no longer afford that."

Surprisingly, this bold declaration evoked no "Zionist" outcry — probably because the "Zionists" are in total disarray, having neither credible leadership, nor clear ideology, nor effective programmes.

The potential strength of the "non-Zionist" has been given expression by the recent pouring of substantial "non-Zionist" Agency funds, into Jewish educational projects (normally entrusted exclusively by the "Zionist" wing) in South America and in France. For the first time "non-Zionists" have been given a voice in determining the content of educational programmes aimed at saving future generations of Jews from assimilation and spiritual extinction.

But it will be futile and self-defeating if the "non-Zionists" rely exclusively on the existing policies and personnel of the WZO educational establishments without their assuming practical responsibility for initiating and implementing alternative approaches to Jewish education abroad. They are called upon not merely to give money; they must also be accountable for the new programmes. At stake is not only their reputation but the future of the Jewish people!

THE "NON-ZIONISTS" must plan their strategy now with respect to the distribution of the WZO operating departments at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

There is no logical or moral reason why the understanding that denies "non-Zionists" the right to operate existing departments should be perpetuated. But, even if it is continued, there is no legal obstacle to a "non-Zionist" veto of any future "Zionist" appointee or department head who, in their view, does not fit the bill. And no reason why new Agency departments, not included in the existing understanding, cannot be organized and manned by "non-Zionist" appointees. Such departments might include such vital and neglected areas of work as community relations and adult education.

Here, then, is an historic opportunity for authorized representatives of the fund-raising bodies of world Jewry to play a more direct and responsible role in the development of the Third Jewish Commonwealth and in the strengthening of Jewish peoplehood everywhere. Their spokesmen in Israel — who ideally should be sophisticated products of the Diaspora who are steeped in the ethos and nuances of Israel's polity — would be directly involved in day-to-day Agency affairs. They would bring new concern and accountability into the Agency's establishment, enhance its prestige, and thereby strengthen the organic relationship between world Jewry and Israel.

A 'humorous' attack on Israel

By HENRIETTE BOAS

ALTHOUGH the Entebbe Operation is almost two months old, one particular reaction — in the progressive intellectual weekly "Haesge Post" is of particular interest.

On July 17 one of their staff, Bob Polak, wrote a feature article which was apparently intended to be humorous as well as critical. He claimed that, because of his family name "Polak," which is generally considered to be Jewish, he would be in constant danger of being "rescued" against his will by Israeli commandos anywhere in the world, and transferred by them to Israel — the last place in the world where he would like to be, after they had killed "for his benefit," many innocent people. He ended:

"Since July 4, 1976, any Dutch citizen with the family name of Polak is no longer safe from the actions of a group of Israeli commandos. The same people who with their shot-down 12-year-old stone-throwing Arab boys, have for some reason decided that they must save my life. Since a fortnight ago, I have been at the mercy of a group of desperadoes who ignore my Dutch passport. I am outraged. Help!"

The article drew a number of letters to the Editor, published over a period of several weeks. Some criticized the extreme lack of taste both of Bob Polak himself and of the weekly editorial board which thought it fit to publish this. Others, however, praised both Polak and the "Haesge Post" for having had the courage to criticize Israel publicly and opposing the "exaggerated glorification of Israel," as a result of Israel propaganda.

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READERS' LETTERS

DIVERSITY IN JUDAISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I wish to take issue with the statement of Rabbi Simon Dolgin regarding "the disaster of assimilation that the Conservative and Reform movements have brought to the U.S." ("Yadlin approves Conservative-style classes" — August 18).

As a former resident of Los Angeles, I have always held Rabbi Dolgin in high regard for his accomplishments within the Orthodox community, especially regarding Jewish education. Nevertheless, I was not impressed with any success on his part in reaching or influencing to a significant degree the large mass of Jews in Los Angeles who, for intellectual or other personal reasons, do not identify with the Orthodox movement. To suggest that the Conservative and Reform movements were the cause of such Jews leaving Orthodoxy would seem quite absurd to anyone historically aware of the sociological and intellectual influences of a free America upon the Jewish community.

It may be argued that the Jewish community would be better off had all its members remained Orthodox, but this was not the case. The Reform and Conservative movements were born as a result of

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